

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## PHASE 2: Local Law 56 of 2016 Fee Equity

**Q. What is Local Law 56 of 2016 and when did it go into effect?**

A. **Local Law 56 of 2016** was enacted on June 9, 2016 and establishes an appropriate and equitable fee for new buildings and alterations. The new Local Law reduces permit fees for one, two, three family dwellings and affordable housing and increases permit fees for larger construction projects or buildings.

**Q. When did the new rates for one, two, three family dwelling and affordable housing projects go into effect?**

A. Phase 1 of the project went into effect on January 30, 2017. Refer to [Fee Equity FAQ January 2017](#) for more information.

**Q. When did the new rates for New Buildings and Alteration Type 1 seven stories or more or greater than 100,000 square feet go into effect?**

A. Phase 2 of the project for larger buildings went into effect on March 5, 2018. See the below table for an example of how the fees have changed for new building and Alt 1 jobs for building type Other that are equal to or more than 7 stories or equal to or more than 100,000 square feet.

Estimated Cost	Date of filing	Minimum Fee	Multiplier 1	Multiplier 2	Calculation
\$20,000	<b>AFTER</b> March 4, 2018	<b>\$290</b> (for first \$3000 of estimated cost)	<b>Multiply \$17.75</b> (for every thousand above \$3000)	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Application fee = \$290 + (20000 - 3000)/1000 * \$17.75 = \$591.75</b>
	<b>BEFORE</b> March 5, 2018	<b>\$280</b> (for first \$3000 of estimated cost)	<b>Multiply \$10.30</b> (for every thousand above \$5000)	<b>\$20</b> (for every thousand between four and five thousand \$5000)	Application fee = \$280 + (20000 - 5000)/1000 * \$10.30 + (2*\$20) = <b>\$474.50</b>

**Q. Do I have to provide any new information to submit an Alteration Type 1 application?**

A. Yes, eFiling and the PW1 now require the total building square footage.

**Q. Do I have to provide any new information to submit an Alteration Type 2 or Alteration Type 3 application?**

A. No, the process has not changed for Alt 2 and Alt 3 applications.

**Q. Where do I enter the total building square footage when submitting a New Building or Alteration Type 1 application?**

A. Currently, you can enter this information in Section 5 of the PW1 (Revised 3/18) in the Total Construction Floor Area field. On March 27, 2018, a new PW1 (Revised 4/18) will be released and field 8F will be renamed Total Building Square Footage. In eFiling, the total building square footage is entered in the Cost Information section.

**Cost Information** *(show help for this section)*

\*What type of fees apply to this application?

Standard Fees  
  Fee Exempt  
  Fee Exempt - Red Placard due to Hurricane Sandy Damage

\*Total Building Square Footage (sq. ft.)?  .00

\*What is the estimated total cost of work? \$  .00

\*Sprinkler Cost \$  .00

**5 Job/Project Types** Choose **one** and provide specified associated information.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alteration Type 1 or Alteration Type 1 required to meet New Building requirements (28-101.4.5)</b> 6A-E, 8B-C, <b>8F</b> , 9-10, 12, 13C-F, 14, 18-20, 22 & PW1A, PD1	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alteration Type 2</b> 5A, 6A-D, 8A-B, 9-10, 13C-E, & 14, 20, 22 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Alteration Type 3</b> 5A, 6B-F, 8C, 9-10, 13C-E, 20, 22 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Building</b> 6A-E, 8F, 9A, 9C-K, 10, 12 & 13A-E, 14, 18-20, PW1A, PD1 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sign</b> 5A, 6B-D, 9A, 9D, 22-23	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Demolition</b> 6B, 8D, 9A & 9C-D, 9K, 13D-E, 14, 21A, 22 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Subdivision</b> 9A, 9D, 12A-B <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Condominium <input type="checkbox"/> Improved 17 5A Directive 14 acceptance requested? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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**Q. When will the new PW1 (Revised 4/18) be required?**

A. The PW1 (Revised 12/14 and 3/18) will be accepted through April 29, 2018 provided the total building square footage (8F) is entered on the form. Beginning April 30, 2018, only the new version (Revised 4/18) will be accepted.

**Q. If I filed an NB or Alt 1 application before March 5, 2018 and I submit an amendment or correction to that application on or after March 5, 2018, will I be required to pay the Department for any underpayments?**

A. If your application was filed on or after June 9, 2016 through March 4, 2018 and you are submitting an amendment or correction to that application, the entire job will be re-calculated under the new fee structure and you will be required to pay the additional fees to the Department. You also will need to provide the total building square footage for the filing. If you are not making any scope or structural changes to a job filed before March 5, 2018, you will not be charged any additional fees.

**Q. When submitting a Post Approval Amendment or Correction to an NB or Alt 1 job filed between June 9, 2016 and March 4, 2018, how will the fees be calculated?**

A. The difference between what was paid and the new fee equity pricing will be calculated and the customer will be informed of the new fees if applicable.

**Q. What happens if I have a Post Approval Amendment or a Correction to an NB or Alt 1 job filed prior to June 9, 2016?**

A. If there is a change to the building type (one, two, three family dwellings/other) or estimated cost, the new filing fee structure will be used to calculate the fees.

**Q. What happens if I file a New Building or Alteration Type 1 job on or after March 5, 2018?**

A. Local Law 56 of 2016 new filing fee structure will be applied.

**Q. For Alt 2 and Alt 3 jobs filed after March 5, 2018, have the fees changed?**

A. In most cases the fees for these jobs are less than the prior fees. See the table below for an example of how the fees have changed for Alt 2 and Alt 3 jobs.

Estimated Cost	Date of filing	Minimum Fee	Multiplier 1	Multiplier 2	Calculation
<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>AFTER</b> March 4, 2018	<b>\$225</b> (for first \$3000 of estimated cost)	<b>Multiply \$10.30</b> (for every thousand above \$3000)	<b>N/A</b>	<b>Application fee = \$225 + (20000 - 3000)/1000 * \$10.30 = \$400.10</b>
	<b>BEFORE</b> March 5, 2018	<b>\$280</b> (for first \$3000 of estimated cost)	<b>Multiply \$10.30</b> (for every thousand above \$5000)	<b>\$20</b> (for every thousand between four and five thousand \$5000)	Application fee = \$225 + (20000 - 5000)/1000 * \$10.30 + (2*\$20) = <b>\$419.50</b>

**Q. Who can I contact if I have questions concerning fees?**

A. For questions about fees and underpayments, contact [cashreceipts@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:cashreceipts@buildings.nyc.gov).

**Q. Where can I find [Local Law 56 of 2016](#)?**

A. The text of this law and other legislation can be found at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/codes/local-laws.page>.